PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: L. Liu SHINJI OHNISHI) Group Art Unit: 2145 Application No.: 10/733,295) Confirmation No. 2528 Filed: December 12, 2003)) For: DETECTING WHETHER A CONNECTION BETWEEN APPARATUSES INCLUDES) A PREDETERMINED TRANSMISSION MEDIUM) June 23, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As a further response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2009, and in view of the Advisory Action mailed on March 23, 2009, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and a Notice of Appeal having been filed on March 23, 2009, the period for taking further action in view thereof having been extended from May 23, 2009 to June 23, 2009, prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows.